

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. – 8. (Cancelled)

9. A method for making a heat pipe assembly, comprising the steps of:

providing a heat pipe having an envelope, the envelope having two elongated flat sides and two curved portions connecting the flat sides, the elongated sides having a length that is substantially greater than a radius of curvature of the curved portions;

forming a fin having a hole therethrough sized and shaped so as to accommodate the envelope; and

placing the fin on the envelope.

10. The method of claim 9, further comprising drawing a collar portion of the fin adjacent to the hole, so that the collar portion extends approximately in a direction normal to the fin.

11. The method of claim 9, wherein the stamping step includes forming a collar portion of the fin adjacent to the hole, so that the collar portion extends approximately in a direction normal to the fin.

12. The method of claim 9, further comprising cutting two or more notches in the collar portion.

13. The method of claim 9, wherein the forming step includes stamping the fin from a plate.

14. The method of claim 13, wherein the stamping step includes cutting two or more notches in the collar portion.

15. The method of claim 9, wherein the forming step includes:
stamping a hole in the plate that is slightly smaller than a cross section of the heat pipe, and
drawing a portion of the plate located around the hole, so as to form a collar sized to receive the heat pipe.

16. – 21. (Cancelled)